

WHAT YOU'D REALLY LIKE TO SAY . . .

*The author writes, "This spring **term** (at Oregon State University) there were more recorded cases of academic dishonesty and misinterpretation of the academic rules than in the three **previous** years. After listening to the appeal of a particularly thorny problem in which the student was denied **graduation**, I jotted down some of the more common advisee questions and statements and added some 'appropriate' responses. After doing this, I felt better. I do not utter such responses, but the temptation arises **occasionally**!"*

*Can we assume that most advisors have been "tempted" at some time or **other**?*

When a Student Says This

An Appropriate Advisor Response Might Be . . .

1. But no one told me
And when they did, you went deaf.
2. I want to work with people
Unless you become a hermit, you will have no choice.
3. I work best under pressure
Translation: You wait until the last minute before starting work.
4. But my sorority (fraternity) chapter meets at the same time.
Do you want to remain a member or fail the class?
5. I want to go into public relations
You like to **talk** a lot.
6. I find everything interesting
In other words, you don't want to make any decisions.
7. I can't find anything that interests me
I bet your dates find you dull, too.
8. I don't have an advisor
Have you looked?
9. My advisor is never available
You stopped by once (probably on Saturday) and he was gone.
10. My advisor doesn't understand my problems
Which means she understands all too well.
11. What are the really "good" courses?
Looking for an easy grade?

12. Why do I have to study all this stuff?
You don't, but you might want to eventually graduate.
13. Where's the library?
And a senior yet.
14. Ya know, uh
No.
15. I can do my own advising
And you will be the first to complain when you screw up.
16. I couldn't find anything in the library about that
World War II was that long ago?
17. I want to have a requirement waived
At least you knew it was a requirement.
18. I'm sorry to call you at home but could I
1..2..3..4..5..6..7..8..9..10 YOU CALLED FOR WHAT?!?!?!?
19. Now, where in the catalog does it say that
You can read it just as well as I can (or can you read?).
20. What sign?
The one **over** your head (or is everything that way?).
21. Who is going to make out my schedule for me?
I suppose someone has to tell you when to go potty, too.
22. All I need is the Dean's stamp
And yet you won't let me read the petition.
23. This has to be in by 4:00 today
And it's now **3:59**.
24. How do I petition to get out of this class before exams?
Wouldn't it be easier to just study for the exam?
25. Who do I see about getting a waiver?
It's "**Whom** do I see?" knucklehead.
26. I don't want any Friday afternoon classes
Or Monday mornings either, I bet.
27. Are you busy?
Actually, not a bad question.
28. Can I take all my classes S/U?
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29. I can't take any 7:30 a.m. classes, I'm just not a morning person
Well, we have a nice **10:00** p.m. seminar that . . .
30. Do you know anything?
My wife's name, where my office is, and how much money I don't have.
31. What do I gotta do to get through this course?
I would like to give you your grade right now.
32. I'm not mathematically oriented
Yet you know your dad's VISA number, expiration date, Dunn & . . .

33. Just a quick question
Oh God! THE KISS OF DEATH.
34. That professor doesn't grade fairly
Blew another one, eh?
35. Got a minute?
In plain English, you'll need an hour-and-a-half.
36. What's a major?
Someone higher than a captain.
37. Can I substitute HUMAN SEXUALITY for my lab science?
And how much time have you spent in that lab?
38. Did I miss anything when I was gone for two weeks?
I bet he still picks his nose and hides it under the couch.
39. Can you plan out my four-year schedule?
The Army needs volunteers; the Marines, a few good men . . .
40. But I thought my appointment was for the 31st
You didn't remember this was February?
41. I blew that class because I was having problems with my girl
She was smart enough to say no.

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